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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that several steps have been taken over the past two and a half months since the paper leak incident. He said the culprits have been arrested and are in jail. In a video message last night, the Prime Minister said the government's foremost responsibility was to ensure that students did not lose an academic year, and it was essential to conduct the examinations at the earliest. He said paper leaks are not a minor issue and are extremely painful for lakhs of students and their parents. PM Modi said that yesterday he directed the concerned departments to prepare a proposal for fast-track courts. He said the departments worked continuously and submitted the draft to him late last night. The Prime Minister said the draft, which includes provisions for fast-track courts and stringent punishment, will be discussed by the Cabinet. He added that after incorporating the suggestions of Cabinet colleagues, it will be given its final shape. Mr Modi said that as the second week of Parliament begins on Monday, the government will make every effort to get the Bill passed by the House at the earliest.

The Governing Council of RIWATCH, led by its Chairman Dr. Joram Begi called on the Governor, Lt Gen KT Parnaik (Retd.) at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar today. They discussed the vision of elevating RIWATCH into UWATCH, the University of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage, envisaged as a globally recognized centre of excellence for the study, preservation, and promotion of indigenous knowledge systems, traditional cultures, heritage studies, and sustainable living practices. The Governor appreciated RIWATCH's remarkable 15-year journey and its pioneering contribution towards research, documentation, preservation, and promotion of the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh. He said that through its ethnographic museum, documentation centre, centre for mother languages, research publications, audiovisual archives, and community-based initiatives, the institution has played a vital role in safeguarding the invaluable cultural legacy of the indigenous communities of the State.

Minister of Education, PD Sona today chaired a coordination meeting with Zilla Parishad Members and Gaon Panchayat Chairpersons to discuss ways to strengthen grassroots governance and accelerate development at the village level. During the meeting, the Minister emphasised the vital

role of Panchayati Raj representatives as the first point of contact for the people and urged them to work with sincerity, commitment, and a strong sense of public service. The meeting deliberated on key issues concerning agriculture and horticulture, PMAY, the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, healthcare services, Aadhaar enrolment, road connectivity, and forest conservation, while stressing the need for timely resolution of public grievances.

The Indian Army organised Shaurya Sambandh at Tuting yesterday. The programme served as a platform to connect with veterans residing in remote and geographically challenging areas, where access to welfare services is often limited. Special emphasis was laid on creating awareness about various Government and Army welfare schemes, pension-related benefits, healthcare facilities, financial assistance, resettlement opportunities and other entitlements available to Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris. Participants were guided on the procedures to avail these benefits, enabling them to access their rightful entitlements available to Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris.

Deputy Commissioner Tawang, Namgyal Angmo today convened the 3rd District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) Meeting at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Tawang. The Deputy Commissioner directed all Heads of Departments and field-level officials to remain stationed at their respective headquarters. She emphasized the importance of accountability and availability of officers for effective implementation of government programmes.

Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NESO Fugensus Pvt. Ltd. Under the agreement, the two institutions will work together to provide internships, industrial exposure, and project opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The collaboration will also facilitate workshops, seminars, faculty and student exchange programmes, and short-term training courses aimed at enhancing academic and professional competencies. A key focus of the partnership is the promotion of organic farming, sustainable agricultural practices, and rural entrepreneurship.

Monyul FC has won the Arunachal Women's League - 2026 at Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, Yupia yesterday. Meanwhile, Kurung Kumey District Football Association (DFA) finished second and secured the Runner

Up position. The award ceremony was attended by Kipa Ajay, Treasurer, All India Football Federation and President, Arunachal Pradesh Football Association and other executive members of APFA.

Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand has taken charge as Interim President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) after its Russian President, Arkady Dvorkovich, was placed on the latest European Union sanctions list. Anand will serve as Interim President for as long as Dvorkovich remains subject to the restrictive measures under the applicable Swiss and European Union laws and regulations.

That is all, in this News Bulletin, Namaskar.